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**ABC INVESTIGATORS TEAM WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO
ARREST 1 SUSPECT FOR FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS**

Investigators from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) and the Yuba City Police Department arrested 1 suspect Friday in the City of Yuba City for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors.

ABC Investigators and local law enforcement conducted a program called a Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation which targets adults who purchase alcohol for people less than 21 years of age. Under the program, a minor under the direct supervision of a peace officer will stand outside a liquor or convenience store and ask patrons to buy them alcohol. The minor indicates in some way he or she is underage and cannot purchase the alcohol. On Friday, the Decoys approached and asked 41 people to buy alcohol, of these 41 people only one person agreed and purchased beer for the minor. It should also be noted that this operation was conducted outside of 5 different stores throughout the night, within minutes the clerk from each location was outside the store telling the minor to leave.

If an adult furnishes alcohol to the minor, investigators then arrest and cite them for furnishing alcohol to the minor. The penalty for furnishing alcohol to a minor is a minimum \$250 fine and 24 hours of community service.

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at (916) 227-6808.